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BOROUGH OF SOUTHWOLD



ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE

HEALTH

OF THE

BOROUGH

FOR THE YEAR 1965

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Medical Officer of Health

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Southwold

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the health of the Borough for the year 1965.

Extracts from the statistics supplied by the Registrar-General show that the mid-year estimate of population has remained unchanged, but total births and deaths in the Borough during the year were both much higher than in 1964. Births rose from 11 to 21, and deaths from 31 to 48. These changes, when adjusted by the comparability factor, bring the rates per 1,000 population more nearly in line with those for England and Wales. As in 1964, only 1 death occurred in the age groups under 45 years, and 24 of the total number of 48 were in the highest group (75 and over years).

Of the local health services administered from the Area Health Office, there was again a low demand for the immunising procedures, but home help services, which were lower in 1964, increased to approximately the 1963 figures. This year, 2 domiciliary confinements were assisted, but otherwise the service has been provided for care of the older folk.

Mr.G.Oakes, Public Health Inspector, has prepared that part of the Report dealing with the work of the Borough as a local sanitary authority, and I am grateful to him for this, and for the help he has given during another year.

I record my thanks to you, Mr.Mayor, and to Members of the Council for the interest taken in the various aspects of the health services in the Borough.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR C. GEE

Medical Officer of Health

July, 1966

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area: 621 acres (Census, 1961).

Population, 1965: 2,180 (as estimated by the Registrar-General).

Population - Census, 1961: 2,234

Number of inhabited houses as at 31st December, 1965: 1,143.

Rateable Value: £109,237

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

| | SOUTHWOLD | | | | | England and Wales rates |
|---|-----------|------|--------|---------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Total | Male | Female | Crude rate | Adjusted rate | |
| Live births - | | | | | | |
| legitimate | 20 | 10 | 10 | - | - | - |
| illegitimate | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| total | 21 | 10 | 11 | - | - | - |
| Live birth rate per 1,000 population | - | - | - | 9.6 | 16.8 | 18.0 |
| Deaths of infants - | | | | | | |
| under 1 year of age | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| under 4 weeks of age | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| under 1 week of age | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Deaths from all causes | 48 | 15 | 33 | - | - | - |
| Death rate per 1,000 population | - | - | - | 22.0 | 10.8 | 11.5 |

CAUSES OF DEATH

| | <u>Total</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> |
|---|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus | 2 | 2 | - |
| Malignant neoplasm, uterus | 1 | - | 1 |
| Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system | 9 | 2 | 7 |
| Coronary disease, angina | 13 | 4 | 9 |
| Hypertension with heart disease | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Other heart disease | 7 | - | 7 |
| Other circulatory disease | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Pneumonia | 2 | - | 2 |
| Bronchitis | 2 | 2 | - |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Suicide | 1 | 1 | - |
| All other accidents | 2 | - | 2 |
| | <u>48</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>33</u> |

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

| | |
|-----------|---|
| Measles | 6 |
| Pneumonia | 9 |

TUBERCULOSIS

| | <u>MALE</u> | | <u>FEMALE</u> | | <u>Total</u> |
|---|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | <u>Pulmonary</u> | <u>Non-Pul.</u> | <u>Pulmonary</u> | <u>Non-Pul.</u> | |
| Number of patients on register at 1.1.65. | 1 | - | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Number of patients added during the year | - | - | - | - | - |
| Number of patients removed during the year | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| Number of patients remaining on register at 31.12.65. | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 3 |

Patients added to Register

New notifications - Nil
Inward transfers - Nil

Patients removed from Register

Recovered - Nil
Died - Nil
Removed - 1
1

TABLE OF CASES

| <u>Female</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|---|
| - | 2 | 2 | Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus |
| 1 | - | 1 | Malignant neoplasm, uterus |
| 1 | 1 | 2 | Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms |
| 7 | 2 | 9 | Vascular lesions of nervous system |
| 9 | 4 | 13 | Coronary disease, angina |
| 1 | 1 | 2 | Hypertension with heart disease |
| 7 | - | 7 | Other heart diseases |
| 1 | 1 | 2 | Other circulatory diseases |
| 2 | - | 2 | Fractures |
| - | 2 | 2 | Rheumatic |
| 2 | 1 | 3 | Other diseases and ill-defined diseases |
| 1 | 1 | 2 | Subtotal |
| 5 | - | 5 | All other conditions |
| <u>23</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>35</u> | |

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| <u>Total</u> | <u>Polio-my, Non-fal.</u> | <u>Polio-my, Non-fal.</u> | <u>Polio-my, Non-fal.</u> |
|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| - | - | - | - |
| 1 | - | 1 | - |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | - |

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

| Children born in:- | <u>1965</u> | <u>1964</u> | <u>1963</u> | <u>1962</u> | <u>1958-61</u> | <u>Others under 16</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Primary | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Booster | - | - | 2 | - | 8 | 4 | 14 |

TETANUS IMMUNISATION

| | <u>Age 1 - 15 years</u> | <u>Age 15 years and over</u> |
|---------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Primary | 11 | - |
| | <u>All Ages</u> | |
| Booster | 16 | |

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

| | <u>0-3 mths</u> | <u>3-6 mths</u> | <u>6-9 mths</u> | <u>9-12 mths</u> | <u>One year</u> | <u>2-4 yrs</u> | <u>5-14 yrs</u> | <u>15 and over</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Primary | - | - | - | - | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| Re-vaccination | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

HOME HELP SERVICE

| | <u>No. of cases dealt with</u> | <u>Hours worked</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Maternity | 2 | 38 |
| Chronic sick, aged and infirm | 23 | 5,284 |

Number of Home Helps working at 31st December, 1965 - 11

BOROUGH OF SOUTHWOLD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1965

To: The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of
the Borough of Southwold.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present this Annual Report on the Sanitary Administration of the Borough and the work done during the year 1965.

WATER SUPPLY

A wholesome and sufficient supply of water for all domestic requirements has been maintained throughout the year. The control of the water supplies was transferred to the East Anglian Water Company at the beginning of the year.

RAINFALL

The total rainfall during the year was 24.84 ins , there being 211 days without, and 154 days with some rain. September was the wettest month with a total 4.50 ins.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

The construction of the new sewage works made steady progress during the year. In October the sewage from Southwold was the first to be treated by the works, and in November this was followed by the sewage from Reydon. Certain works, including storm water tanks, humus tanks and the sludge drying beds are still under construction.

Certain defects in the sewer scheme were located and repaired.

All drains are examined before being covered, and smoke or water tests applied where applicable.

HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The house refuse collection service operates quite satisfactorily. During the height of the summer season, heavy demands are made on the service and it is necessary to implement the normal collection with our tractor service.

All refuse is tipped and kept under control at the tip situated near the Gasometer Works. Due to the construction of the new sewage works in the immediate vicinity of the tip, extensive levelling and excavations have taken place. Extension of the site for controlled tipping has been prepared.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING 1965 (including dwellinghouses)

During the year 93 premises were visited, of which 31 were dwellinghouses and 62 various other premises.

In the course of these inspections 32 defects or nuisances were found, and 35 were abated. To secure the abatement of these defects and nuisances 11 informal notices were served upon the owners or agents concerned, in addition to personal interviews by the Public Health Inspector.

SHOPS ACT, 1950, SECTION 38

There are 93 shops in the district, which are visited periodically. There were no contraventions.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

| | |
|--|-----|
| Number of factory chimneys in the district | 2 |
| Number of observations taken | 4 |
| Number of legal proceedings taken | Nil |

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The number of premises registered and visited during the year were:-

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Offices | 17 |
| Retail shops | 45 |
| Catering establishments | 9 |
| Fuel storage depots | 1 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 72 |

At these premises the following numbers of persons were employed:-

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Offices | 70 |
| Retail shops | 140 |
| Catering establishments | 78 |
| Fuel storage depots | 2 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 290 |

(of this total 127 were males and 163 females).

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

| PREMISES | No. registered during year | No. registered end of year | Premises visited |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Offices | Nil | 17 | 17 |
| Retail shops | 1 | 45 | 45 |
| Catering establishments | 1 | 9 | 9 |
| Fuel storage depots | Nil | 1 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 2 | 72 | 72 |

Number of visits to registered premises - 83

CONTRAVENTIONS

Two premises contravened the Act. The contraventions were drawn to the attention of the persons concerned.

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 to 1959

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

| Premises (1) | Number on Register (2) | Number of | | |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | Inspections (3) | Written Notices (4) | Occupiers Prosecuted (5) |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 21 | 42 | Nil | Nil |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) | 12 | 90 | Nil | Nil |
| TOTAL | 33 | 132 | Nil | Nil |

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 to 1959 (continued)

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

| Particulars (1) | Number of cases in which defects were found | | | | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6) |
|---|--|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| | Found (2) | Remedied (3) | Referred | | |
| | | | To H.M. In- spectors (4) | By H.M. In- spectors (5) | |
| Want of cleanliness (S.1) | 2 | 2 | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding (S.2) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable temperature (S.3) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate ventilation (S.4) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary conveniences (S.7)(a) Insufficient | - | - | - | - | - |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective | 3 | 3 | - | - | - |
| (c) Not separate for sexes | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work) | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 5 | 5 | - | - | - |

RODENT CONTROL - PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Prevalence of Rats and Mice

| Type of Property | Total | Notified by | | Re-cord-ed | Rats Major | Rats Minor | Mice only |
|------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| | | Occupier | Other -wise | | | | |
| Local Authority | 3 | 3 | - | 3 | 3 | - | - |
| Dwellinghouses | 1029 | 76 | - | 76 | - | 76 | - |
| Business | 273 | 1 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| Agricultural | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 1305 | 80 | - | 80 | 3 | 77 | - |

Measures of Control by Local Authority

| Type of Property | Number Inspected | Number of Inspections | Number of Notices Served: Section 4 | |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|
| | | | Treatments | Works |
| Local Authority | 3 | 38 | - | - |
| Dwellinghouses | 88 | 89 | - | - |
| Business | 131 | 149 | - | - |
| Agricultural | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 222 | 276 | - | - |

| Type of Property | Number of Treatments carried out | | | | Block treatments of properties in different occupancies under Section 6(1) or by informal arrangements. No. of Surface Associated Sewers. | | |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | By arrange-ment with Owner | | Under Section 5(1) | | Blocks | No. of separate occupancies | No. of manholes treated |
| | Rats | Mice only | Rats | Mice only | | | |
| Local Authority | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Dwellinghouses | 76 | - | - | - | 1 | 12 | 4 |
| Business | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Agricultural | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 82 | - | - | - | 1 | 12 | 4 |

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Food Inspection

The following foods were inspected, condemned and destroyed, being unfit for human consumption:-

| | lbs. | oz |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Canned meats | 32 | 8 |
| Fish | 1 | 8 |
| Canned fruit and vegetables | 13 | 8 |
| Other foods | 36 | 4 |
| <u>TOTAL WEIGHT</u> | <u>83</u> | <u>12</u> |

Food Premises

| | |
|---|----|
| Number of Premises | 59 |
| Number of Inspections made | 59 |
| Number of Premises found unsatisfactory | 3 |
| Number rendered satisfactory | 3 |

Number of Premises registered under Section 16 Food & Drugs Act, 1955

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Ice Cream - Manufacture | Nil |
| Ice Cream - Storage or sale only | 20 |
| Sausages, preserved foods, etc. | 4 |

DAIRIES AND RETAIL PURVEYORS OF MILK

There are two local dairies which are periodically inspected and are kept under good conditions.

CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS AND BAKERIES

These have been found to be satisfactory.

HOUSING

| | |
|--|-----|
| Number of houses or parts thereof closed | 1 |
| Number of houses demolished by formal action | Nil |
| Number of houses demolished by informal action | Nil |
| Number of families rehoused from unfit houses | 1 |

New Houses

| | |
|--|---|
| Number of new houses erected by Local Authority | 4 |
| Number of new houses erected by private enterprise | 2 |

Improvement Grants

Number of improvement grants approved during the year:-

Discretionary - 6 Standard - 3

Disinfections, etc.

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Number of premises disinfected | 1 |
| Number of premises disinfested | 2 |

Moveable Dwellings

| | |
|--|-----|
| Number of sites licensed | 1 |
| Number of individual licences | Nil |
| Number of inspections | 64 |
| Number of moveable dwellings (a) for holiday use | 150 |
| (b) for residential use | Nil |

G. OAKES.

Public Health Inspector

July, 1966.

